

# 88 percent of Missing Sex Trafficked Children Come from US Foster Care (NCMEC Report)

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Shocking government data shows that of the missing children reported to be sex trafficked in 2017, 88% of them had come from the American foster care system.

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America has a dark secret that no one wants to admit. Talk of this secret will get you labelled as a conspiracy theorist, fake news, and outlets who report on it will have their organic reach throttled by social media and Google alike.

Despite the overwhelming evidence to the contrary, many in the mainstream media and the government refuse to see this very real epidemic of child sex trafficking in the United States.



What's more, according to the government's own data, the vast majority of a portion of these trafficked kids are coming from the [country's own foster care system](#).

Children are being needlessly ripped from homes at such an alarming rate that hundreds of parents in one state have gone so far as to create a counter-kidnapping organization to stop it.

As TFTP [reported last week](#), a parent's rights organization filed a

letter in federal court last Tuesday asking a federal judge strike down Minnesota's current child protection laws for being too expansive and removing children from loving and safe homes [without due process](#).

“Families are being abused, and in some cases, destroyed, as a result of laws that are inappropriate,” said Dwight Mitchell, the lead plaintiff in the case and founder of the parents’ association. **“This is legal kidnapping.”**

This legal kidnapping is happening in states across the country and it is contributing to the very real epidemic of child trafficking. The reality of such practices within the United States foster system is outright horrifying.

In 1984, the United States Congress established the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), and, as part of Missing Children’s Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2013 they receive \$40 million to study and track missing and trafficked children in the United States.

In 2017, NCMEC assisted law enforcement with over 27,000 cases of missing children, the majority who were considered endangered runaways.

According to their most recent report compiled from FBI data and their own, of the nearly 25,000 runaways reported to NCMEC in 2017, one in seven were likely victims of child sex trafficking. Of those, **88 percent were in the care of social services when they went missing.**

Showing the scope of the abuse, in 2017 alone, NCMEC’s CyberTipline, a national mechanism for the public and electronic service providers to report instances of suspected child sexual exploitation, received over 10 million reports.

According to NCMEC, most of these tips were related to the following:

- Apparent child sexual abuse images.

- Online enticement, including “sextortion.”
- Child sex trafficking.
- Child sexual molestation.

Other governmental organizations have corroborated this horrifying trend. In a 2013 FBI 70-city nationwide raid, **60 percent of the victims** came from foster care or group homes.

In 2014, New York authorities estimated that **85 percent of sex trafficking victims were previously in the child welfare system**. In 2012, Connecticut police rescued 88 children from sex trafficking; **86 were from the child welfare system**.

Equally as disturbing as the fact that most sex trafficked kids come from within the system is the fact that the FBI discovered in a 2014 nationwide raid that many foster children rescued from sex traffickers, including children as young as 11, **were never reported missing by child welfare authorities**.

Last year, TFTP reported on an example of this lack of reporting out of Topeka, Kansas. In the shocking report, the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF), which oversees foster care in the state, were found to have lost 70 children after a high profile case of three missing sisters garnered the attention of authorities.

## **This has to stop.**

It should be noted that there are certainly instances of abusive parents who should not have custody of their children. There are also many kind and loving foster parents willing to take them in.

However, as the recent case in Minnesota highlights, many times,

these children are torn from loving homes and forced into a system rife with abuse and trafficking.

One terrifying example of kids being unnecessarily taken from their parents by the state only to be severely harmed in government custody comes out of Arizona, the state kidnapped a 5-year-old girl from her mother who had an alleged substance abuse problem and put her directly into the hands of a leader of a child sex ring.

Even after the girl's mother recovered from her addiction, the state refused to return her daughter. Even worse, the mother found out that [her daughter was being repeatedly sexually abused](#) and no action was taken to remove her daughter from the state's system.

Sadly, children all over the US are taken from caring parents who have admitted to using marijuana or other drugs.

While there's no national count on how many parents lose custody of their kids each year due to marijuana, Keith Stroup, founder of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) [told](#) The Daily Chronic that his team gets calls "**three or four times a week** from people who have lost custody of their children because they tested positive at birth or in a situation where parents are feuding over custody."

This kidnapping even occurs in regions where marijuana is legal.

Even high-level government officials have been ensnared in these foster care abuse scandals. As TFTP [previously reported](#), multiple victims came forward and accused Seattle Mayor Ed Murray of sexually abusing them when they were children in Washington's foster care system.

The records in that case, dating back to 1984, explicitly noted that Ed Murray should "never again be utilized as a certified CSD resource for children." It also showed that a criminal case was brought against Murray by prosecutors but in spite of the multiple accusations, charges were somehow never filed and his records buried.

As Snopes and the mainstream media in general attempts to smear those who try to call attention to alleged and very real child trafficking, the government's own data shows how irresponsible this is.

While there are certainly some outlandish theories being presented online, the facts are outlandish enough to warrant serious scrutiny.

Until this epidemic is taken seriously, the government, the media, and all those who deny it will remain complicit in keeping it going.

As Michael Dolce, who specializes in these horrific child abuse cases, [pointed out](#) earlier this year, **“we have set up a system to sex traffic American children.”** Indeed we have.